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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 Jan 04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

The term "ignorable" in claim 22 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite.

The term "ignorable" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. The claim has been rejected below in light of prior art where the disabling of the over drive unit is based upon a decision model/logic.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA .

In considering claims 21-22,

As disclosed by applicant's, AAPA discloses compression/decompression for reducing the bandwidth demands of the frame buffer, AAPA discloses an over drive unit, AAPA discloses

the claimed motion/noise detector wherein the over drive unit is controlled according to a decision model utilizing based upon the motion information/temporal difference between fields/frames.

Although, AAPA does not explicitly recite “noise detector” however, the concept/utilization of detecting the amount of noise within a signal/system is notoriously well known in order to determine is desirable in order to ascertain the quality/status of the image and provide the user/system the information required to remove/improve the image based upon such indicators, thus the examiner takes “OFFICIAL NOTICE” regarding as such.

In considering claim 23,

AAPA does not explicitly recite the motion information comprising a noise indication signal, however in the art of TV/signal processing the use of motion along with the amount of noise (if any) is desirable in order to ascertain the quality/status of the image and provide the user/system the information required to remove/improve the image based upon such indicators, thus the examiner takes “OFFICIAL NOTICE” regarding as such.

In considering claim 24,

AAPA does not explicitly recite “a film mode indication” signal, however the identification of whether a signal is film or derived from film is utilized in order to properly recover the received signal, since some system with upconvert/downconvert signals based upon the frame rate of the display device, thus the examiner takes “OFFICIAL NOTICE” regarding such.

In considering claim 25,

AAPA does not explicitly recite using differential PCM to compress/decompress the signal components however the use of such is simply a design choice, since the use of differential PCM in compression/decompression has been previously done, and thus no unexpected results are derived by choosing an existing compression/decompression scheme, thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, David L. Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593.

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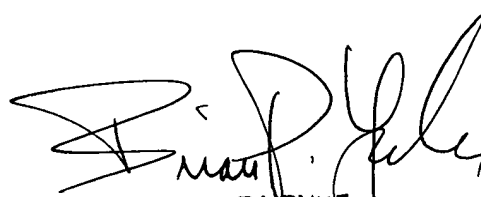
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